

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my excitement that this body has taken a strong pro-life stance and, likewise, that this country is becoming increasingly pro-life.

This is not surprising since it is a view that is plainly obvious that we are not talking about a clump of cells but a baby human. Advances in science and medicine make this more clear all the time.

In addition to our votes this week to save babies with the necessary medical care when they are born alive following an abortion, tomorrow my office will be welcoming and hosting pro-life leaders and friends from Ohio's Eighth District traveling to Washington, D.C., to participate in this year's March for Life.

I am proud to participate tomorrow in the march where we will seek to get out the message that love saves lives. Since *Roe v. Wade*, nearly 60 million babies with all their potential have had their lives tragically cut short. I look forward to the day when love and sound science finally put an end to abortion.

RECOGNIZING UDAP INDUSTRIES IN BUTTE, MONTANA

(Mr. GIANFORTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the critical work of UDAP Industries, a company in Butte, Montana, that produces self-defense sprays. It was founded by Mark Matheny, a survivor of a grizzly bear attack.

When you are in bear country, bear spray is critically important. Citing concerns about the ozone layer, the EPA moved, in 2015, to ban the propellant used to make bear spray shoot out of the canister. EPA suggested a replacement that was half as effective, undermining safety. Rather than give in and make a less effective, inferior product, UDAP and others petitioned the EPA to reconsider.

After my office and others worked with the EPA to waive the ban for bear spray, EPA did the right thing and waived the ban that would have created a safety hazard. I will continue working with UDAP and others to ensure that they are not burdened by unnecessary Federal regulations.

RURAL AMERICA

(Mr. PALAZZO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank President Trump for his strong support of rural America and for remembering the forgotten farmer.

Last week, the President made us so very proud when he became the first sitting President in 25 years to address the Farm Bureau. During his speech,

the President emphasized the importance of agriculture in America. And as a member of the Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, I could not agree more.

Our farmers provide America with food security unlike any other country on Earth. Farmers and ranchers are a small percentage of our population, feeding, fueling, and clothing our country and the rest of the world. But it hasn't been easy for them. Foreign countries cheat our farmers with unfair trade practices. Unelected bureaucrats have strangled our farmers with regulation after regulation. And even your elected officials have tried to tax our farmers to death. As a result, farm income has been on a drastic and steady decline until now.

So I thank the President for not forgetting about rural America; and I thank him for rolling back job-killing regulations, calling out corrupt trade practices, and pushing Congress to ease the burden of the death tax.

My farm friends in Mississippi thank the President.

MARCH FOR LIFE

(Mr. HUIZENGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, we must never forget that life is truly a gift. I rise this afternoon in support of the tens of thousands of Americans who will be here marching in Washington, D.C., tomorrow to give a voice to the voiceless.

This House consistently defends the unborn and promotes a culture of life. We have passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act which would ban late-term abortions at 20 weeks. We have passed legislation to prevent tax dollars from being used to pay for abortions. We voted to defund Planned Parenthood and have voted to increase funding for federally qualified community health centers that promote and provide women's health services while protecting life.

This week, I look forward to joining my colleagues in voting in favor of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Act. All of these legislative achievements are encouraging progress; however, our work is not done, and we must continue to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I am here today for the same reasons that Americans will be marching in Washington and in west Michigan over the next few days: to defend the unborn, give voice to the voiceless, and promote a culture of respect for life from its beginning sparks to its final twilight.

RECOGNIZING CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

(Mr. BACON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our critical public health programs. Months ago, the House passed a bundle of reauthorizations for key health programs. Amongst them are funding extensions for the community health centers, CHIP, and the National Health Service Corps.

Today, we will vote for CHIP reauthorization for a third time. I will be voting "yes" for a third time, and it appears that most of my Democratic colleagues will be voting "no" for a third time. Programs like these help ensure that millions of Americans and hundreds of thousands of Nebraskans receive the care they so desperately need. It is abhorrent that these programs have become a political football, and it is unacceptable that the healthcare that so many depend on has been put to the side.

This upcoming spring, Nebraska will run out of funding for community health centers and CHIP. While a contingency plan may be in the works, these lifesaving programs should not require a fallback. I count on my colleagues in the Senate and the House to pass legislation, to vote "yes" today on CHIP and community health centers and many other key programs in the future.

RECOGNIZING LITTLE ROCK FIRE CHIEF GREGORY SUMMERS

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Fire Chief Gregory Summers as he retires after 35 years of service to the city of Little Rock.

Chief Summers served as the 12th fire chief for the city of Little Rock and became the department's first African-American fire chief. He was appointed chief in 2009, and his leadership has had an indelible impact on central Arkansas communities.

Under Chief Summer's leadership, the department earned Class 1 status by the Insurance Services Office and received international accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence. This saves our community insurance dollars and improves safety. The Little Rock Fire Department is one of only 57 fire departments across the country to receive this recognition.

My congratulations and best wishes for Chief Summers' future endeavors.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM

(Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart in the wake of the University of

Alabama's win over my beloved Georgia Bulldogs in the National College Football Playoff Championship last week.

Despite the loss, which came after an unbelievable game, the Georgia Bulldogs played their hearts out, and I am so very proud of our team. It is an honor to represent the great University of Georgia as the Representative from Georgia's 10th District and have the privilege of wearing the red and black of this outstanding institution and incredible team.

Under the leadership of awesome Head Coach Kirby Smart and a special group of young men like Nick Chubb, Sony Michel, and Jake Fromm, the Dawgs won the SEC Championship and had one of the greatest seasons that they have had in years, reaching the national championship for the first time in more than 30 years.

At the end of the day, it was a great game on both sides, and while it pains me to admit it, my friend and colleague Congresswoman TERRI SEWELL represents an outstanding football team. Congratulations to Alabama's Crimson Tide. And true to my word, I will be providing her office and her with barbecue and wearing the Alabama tie after their overtime win.

Congratulations to them for another national championship title, but for us: Go Dawgs. Go Dawgs. Go Dawgs.

MEDIA DESERVE FAKE NEWS AWARDS

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the President highlighted examples of media bias and irresponsible news stories. All Americans should call out purveyors of fake news and point out slanted coverage.

The President is certainly correct in using the term "fake news" to describe the media when they intentionally misrepresent his comments and take them out of context. They intentionally omit relevant facts and only report one side of the story, and they intentionally promote a liberal agenda.

In a democracy, the media have a profound responsibility to give the American people the facts, not tell them what to think.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4712, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT, AND PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 22, 2018, THROUGH JANUARY 26, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 694 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 694

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the

House the bill (H.R. 4712) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. On any legislative day during the period from January 22, 2018, through January 26, 2018—

(a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and

(b) the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

SEC. 3. The Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2 of this resolution as though under clause 8(a) of rule 1.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Wyoming is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Wyoming?

There was no objection.

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 694, which provides a closed rule for consideration of H.R. 4712, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. This important bill ensures medical care and legal protection for abortion survivors, protects their mothers from prosecution, and holds abortion providers accountable.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is not duplicative as some have suggested. It simply augments current law: the Born-Alive Infants Act and the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, which the House passed in 2002 and 2003, respectively, with very strong bipartisan support.

Current law includes, in the Federal definition of a person, infants who are born alive no matter the method of birth or the stage of their development. Current law, Mr. Speaker, also provides criminal penalties for physicians who provide partial-birth abortions.

What current law does not provide, however, is enforceable protection for

those children who are born alive after a failed abortion attempt and denied care, nor does it provide criminal penalties, Mr. Speaker, for those who perform or knowingly ignore these actions.

Mr. Speaker, there are horrific stories of children born alive during abortions and are either gruesomely left for dead or deliberately killed once born. Even more, the abortion industry is fully aware of the risk of a child being born alive during an abortion, especially if the abortion occurs once the child is gestationally 18 to 20 weeks old or more, the age at which we know a child is able to survive if given the proper neonatal care.

Take the story, Mr. Speaker, of Gianna Jessen, an abortion survivor who testified before the House Judiciary Committee in 2015. She said: "Instead of dying, after 18 hours of being burned in my mother's womb, I was delivered alive in an abortion clinic in Los Angeles on April 6, 1977. My medical records state: 'Born alive during saline abortion' at 6 a.m."

"Thankfully, the abortionist was not at work yet. Had he been there, he would have ended my life with strangulation, suffocation, or leaving me there to die. Instead, a nurse called an ambulance, and I was rushed to a hospital. Doctors did not expect me to live."

"I did. I was later diagnosed with cerebral palsy, which was caused by a lack of oxygen to my brain while I was surviving the abortion. I was never supposed to hold my head up or walk. I do."

She concluded: "If abortion is about women's rights, then what were mine?"

Some abortion providers, Mr. Speaker, are unwilling to respect the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, such as Priscilla Smith, who testified at a House Judiciary Committee hearing in 2015, saying that she didn't believe it would be a violation of the previous Born-Alive Infants Protection Act if a baby were killed outside the womb as long as the baby wasn't "viable."

Ms. SMITH went on to assert some fetuses are never viable. She made these claims notwithstanding the fact, Mr. Speaker, that viability is not a factor, even under existing law, in determining whether an infant deserves protection under the law. The law protects infants born alive at any stage of development; and, therefore these abortion survivors are entitled to the same degree of care that would be received by any other babies of their age.

The bill we are debating today, Mr. Speaker, would impose enforceable criminal penalties for clinics that do not treat survivors with proper medical care. There is, sadly, evidence that clinics fail to provide this care.

Deborah Edge, a former abortion clinic employee, wrote an op-ed about her experience. She said: "I was the doctor's right-hand person in the operating room, and just like those employees of Dr. Gosnell"—who we know was